

staff and students. Sister Mary has created an atmosphere of caring and warmth that can be felt as soon as one enters the school.

Born and raised in Italy, Sister Mary first came to Connecticut in 1962. Before joining the staff of St. Brendan's she was instrumental in the opening of a Montessori School in Middletown and taught with distinction at Stonegate School in Durham. Sister Mary is a refreshing reminder of the difference that one educator can make in the life of a young student. For over three decades, she has captivated both students and their parents with her enthusiasm and commitment to excellence. She will always be remembered as an inspirational and well-loved role model by her students and faculty.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to salute Sister Mary Antoinette Cappelli for her unshaking dedication to her school and her community. She leaves behind her a legacy of love that will never be forgotten.

IN HONOR OF HECTOR VALDES
UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM
HUDSON COUNTY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE AFTER 25 YEARS

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Hector C. Valdes Avellaneda. After 25 years at Hudson County Community College he is retiring from his position as assistant to the dean. Mr. Valdes is an exceptional person who has dedicated his talent and services to students for 37 years.

Hector Valdes received his bachelor of arts degree in accounting from the Professional School of Business and a B.A. in elementary teaching from the National School of Teachers in Matanzas, Cuba. He also attended Montclair State University and New York University from where he received a master of arts degree in education.

Mr. Valdes is another example of an immigrant success story. After being held as a political prisoner in Castro's jails, he immigrated to the United States in 1969. He worked hard and played by the rules and 5 years later he became a naturalized citizen. Very quickly, he began to make important contributions to his adopted land.

He began his teaching career working with students seeking their high school equivalency diplomas. Mr. Valdes later became a substitute teacher in the Union City school system. He went on to become a professor at Hudson County Community College and has risen through the ranks to serve in a variety of administrative positions. He served as an administrative assistant and was later appointed assistant to the dean.

Mr. Valdes helped develop and create academic programs to assist the large immigrant population living in Hudson county, because he realized that access to quality education is a key to success. The number of students who have benefited from his efforts is countless. Throughout his years at the college, he has been a wise counselor and advisor. Mr. Valdes will be sorely missed by his colleagues and students.

Hector Valdes's career is one of proud achievement and another example of the

beautiful diversity of our Nation. His service to the community and student body of Hudson County Community College is second to none. Even though he is retiring he will always be remembered as a brilliant teacher and a true friend. Please join me in wishing Hector Valdes a happy retirement.

CONGRATULATING GUAM'S ATHLETES FOR EXCELLENCE, SEPTEMBER 8, 1995

HON. ROBERT A. UNDERWOOD

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, as the saying goes, "the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat." In my home district of Guam, we have many noteworthy athletes who have thrilled us all.

In the recent South Pacific games, the people of Guam reached a new milestone. Our island competitors have earned more medals than ever before. So, I now rise to pay tribute to these athletes by placing their names in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

In archery, our Team Guam hit the bull's eye with a bronze. In board sailing, Jon Iriarte and the Team Guam women sailed to bronze. In body building, Josephine Blas lifted to a bronze, Donnabelle Duque powered her way to a silver and Kenneth Rios and Roy Siongco jerked and cleaned to gold medals. In boxing, our Tana Meafou punched his way to the silver medal. In golf, Mae Quitugua, Josephine Calvo and Tessie Blair all drove, chipped and putted to the team bronze medals. In Karate Eleanor Minor chopped to two bronze medals. Robert Dacanay threw the competition for a silver, while Dean Aguon bowed and took two bronze medals. Joe Aguon also hit hard with a bronze. In surfing, our tag team of Mark Duenas, Joseph Voluptuary and Richard Napoleon rode to a bronze, while Rebecca Erin hung ten to a silver. Our swimmers, led by Derrick Bollinger crawled to gold three times, Clitia Clement floated to a bronze, while Patrick Sagas stroked his way to a gold and two silvers. In table tennis, our women's team of Debbie Feline, Donna Cents and Jug-Pa Lain paddled to a bronze. In ta won do, Sonny Chargualaf high kicked to a silver, Joe D. Q. Cruz did a round house to a bronze, while Lloyd Esteban made a sweep move to a bronze. In a triathlon, Tiffany Larschied surprised us all with her motor boat kicks and earned a bronze, while Triathlon Team of Larschied, Jay Donovan, Wil Yamamoto and Jeff Miller swam, ran and biked to another bronze. In weigh lifting, Manolito Molinos clean and jerked to a silver, while Edgar Molinos snatched to a bronze. In judo Atef Hussein picked up a gold and a silver, Walter Gray threw for a bronze. And finally, Marie Benito ran for a bronze in the women's marathon. Congratulations.

TRIBUTE TO CLARA K. MANGUS

HON. BILL ORTON

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. ORTON. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize a very special constituent of mine, Ms. Clara K. Mangus, who today celebrated her 105th birthday. Ms. Mangus, who immigrated to Carbon County, UT, from Greece when she was only 25, has been living independently until just a few months ago. The key to her longevity, claims Clara, is simple: hard work. Today Ms. Mangus was surrounded by much of her family, including her 7 children, 14 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren. Again, I would like to wish Ms. Mangus a very happy birthday on this very special occasion.

HONORING ALBERT BARNES, JR.

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Albert Barnes, Jr. who on August 24, 1995, retired from United Parcel Service culminating a 28-year career.

Al began his UPS career as a delivery driver in Dayton, OH in 1967, quickly rising to become an on-car supervisor, and in 1972 a center manager. Through his commitment to customer service and his dedication to excellence Al was promoted to feeder manager, package division manager, and also hub division manager. In 1975 Al joined the Arizona district as a division manager. In February 1989 Al was named southeast California district manager. Al was charged with the planning, and construction of United Parcel Service's largest west coast air hub that opened in Ontario, CA in 1992. Al has served on a number of special assignments and was a member of the UPS part-time people support committee.

In addition to his busy schedule with UPS, Al has always made time to get involved with the community, and has been active with many organizations in the Inland Empire including the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club.

Under his direction, the southeast California district has achieved a leading role as a well-respected corporate citizen in the community for its contributions to the betterment of the people of the Inland Empire.

I wish Al, and his wife Margaret, a long and enjoyable retirement together with their family: John, Mike, Ed, and Rebecca.

HONORING THE JEWISH WAR VETERANS ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join with my constituents and members of

the New York State Department of the Jewish War Veterans, and with American veterans everywhere, to celebrate with pride and admiration the 100th anniversary of the Jewish War Veterans.

Formed in the post-Civil War era to help counter obstacles faced by Jewish soldiers who fought in that war, the JWV not only serves to support the concerns of the many veterans who fought for their country, but also acts as a service agency to foster social action and concern among all our citizens.

The organization has been made both dynamic and effective through a succession of dedicated and highly competent leaders. It is because of such dedicated Americans that members and supporters of the JWV will gather on the evening of Sunday, October 1, 1995, to rejoice in a century of dedication and achievement.

Allow me to briefly note the accomplishments of some outstanding New Yorkers who have proudly served as JMW national commanders.

Benjamin H. Chasin entered the service in 1942, rose to the rank of captain, and received numerous awards while serving in the Pacific theater. After many years of service in the reserves, he retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1970. Concurrently he rose through the ranks of the JWV, and served as national commander from 1957–58.

Ralph Plofsky entered the service in 1942 and saw action with the 10th and 77th Division. After his discharge in 1945, he again served his country on active duty in Korea. Discharged as a captain of the infantry in 1951, Commander Plofsky joined the White Plains Post of the JWV and in 1964 was the first Korean war veteran to be elected national commander of the JWV or any other veterans organization.

Jerome D. Cohen got his first taste of the military at age 10, when he served as a drummer in the Sons of the JWV. At 17, he enlisted in the Navy; among his many assignments was his service for 3 years as coxswain on General MacArthur's whaleboat on the U.S.S. *Nashville*. He was involved in the war in Asia, was wounded and received several citations, including the Purple Heart. After separation from the service, he began a distinguished law career. At age 22, he was elected commander of the Cohen-Lehman Post of the JWV. Demonstrating outstanding leadership abilities, he quickly rose in the JWV ranks, and in 1971 was elected national commander.

Another such distinguished commander, Nathan M. Goldberg, served in the U.S. Navy as an enlisted man and officer. He was released with the rank of ensign. He readily became active in the Albany Post of the JWV, served as its post commander and became involved in the JWV on a national level, becoming national commander in 1978. While he has served in a number of community-oriented posts in Albany, he has had major impact in his tenure as president of the National Jewish Military Museum in Washington, DC.

The distinguished past National Commander Stanley W. Zwaik served in this office from 1982–83. Initially a resident of Jamaica, NY, Commander Zwaik entered the Armed Forces in 1941 and received his commission as a second lieutenant in the military police. He was active in the South Pacific, New Guinea, and the Philippines. At the close of the war, he joined the reserves and retired in 1964 with

the rank of lieutenant colonel. It was in 1946 that he joined the JWV and soon became a county commander. As his leadership talents became widely recognized, he was elevated to a number of State and then national posts, resulting in his elevation to the post of national commander.

Edwin Goldwasser, national commander, 1986–87, first became involved with the JWV in 1961 in Spring Valley, NY. A most dynamic leader, he became post commander in 1967. He moved into active leadership positions in the JWV, first in New York State and eventually on the national level. Utilizing the prestige and impact of the JWV, Commander Goldwasser has undertaken many compassionate and humane projects on behalf of JWV causes, both in the United States and internationally. One such mission led him to the Vatican to assist in locating an Israeli MIA, Zachary Baumele.

It was to the great honor of the JWV that Vice President Albert Gore invited Past National Commander Warren S. Dolny to accompany him as part of the U.S. delegation to the ceremonies commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. Commander Dolny was also honored to be invited by the White House to attend the signing of the Israel-PLO peace accords. In 1951, Warren Dolny was drafted into the Marines. After discharge with the rank of sergeant, he became a member of the Fred Hecht Post in Spring Valley, NY. His unique leadership capabilities were quickly recognized, and he was elected post commander. Rising steadily in the ranks of the JWV, Dolny filled a variety of county, State, and national posts, culminating in his election as national commander in 1992.

Mr. Speaker, all Americans can be justly proud that our country has produced such men as these commanders of the Jewish War Veterans. I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me now in paying tribute to these outstanding patriots, and in congratulating the members of the Jewish War Veterans on the 100th anniversary of this marvelous organization.

HONORING THE SLIFKA FAMILY

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday, September 10, 1995, many distinguished guests will gather in New Haven, CT, for the dedication of the Joseph Slifka Center for Jewish Life at Yale. This center, which commemorates and celebrates the vibrant history of Jewish life at the university, was made possible in part due to the generosity and vision of the Slifka Family. As a result of their magnanimous gift and the contributions of many other individuals, the Slifka Center will be a place for contemplation, historical study, and joyful exploration of the many facets of Jewish culture.

Joseph Slifka, who passed away 3 years ago, was a deeply caring and compassionate man who devoted himself to his family, his community, and his faith. A former real estate financier in Manhattan, Joseph Slifka always gave generously of his time and resources, including donations of modern art to museums

in Jerusalem and New York. The Center for Jewish Life is a fitting tribute to a man who believed in the importance of tradition and the value of quiet reflection.

The creation of the Center for Jewish Life has, in all respects, been a labor of love, serving to knit together even more closely the Yale Jewish community. Indeed, the walls of the Slifka Center are inlaid with pieces of Jerusalem stone that have been carved with the names of those individuals whose tireless efforts helped make the center a reality. Designed and built in the spirit of inclusiveness, the Slifka Center welcomes all those who wish to explore and share their Jewish heritage. Both the Yale and New Haven communities will benefit greatly from the exciting social, cultural, religious, and educational programming that will soon be available at the center. In the words of Joseph Slifka's son, Alan, the Center for Jewish Life is "a true gift for God, for country, and for Yale." It is with great joy that I join Alan, his sister, Barbara, and his mother, Sylvia, for the ribbon-cutting ceremony this Sunday. I thank the university administration for their strong support, and the Hillel board of trustees and Rabbi James Ponet for their strong and devoted leadership. Thanks to their efforts, the dreams of individuals such as Joseph Slifka have been fulfilled.

TRIBUTE TO ELENA BASKIN

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 8, 1995

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Elena Baskin, a wonderful woman, a prominent philanthropist, and a dear friend and constituent of mine who passed away Monday morning. Her humble beginnings in Kishinev, Romania, where she was poor and often went hungry, ingrained in her the desire to share her good fortune with others. Mrs. Baskin and her husband Jack Baskin have played a prominent role in the organization and funding of services for the elderly, the poor, women, children, education, and the arts. Her acts of kindness and giving will live on in the community and in the hearts of all who knew her.

Born Elena Djatschenko on December 1, 1925, she lived without plumbing or electricity. Mrs. Baskin's parents were Russian and her father worked as a typesetter. The family moved to Chernovitz, now part of Ukraine, in 1935, where they resided until the outbreak of war in the region. They fled to Germany where Mrs. Baskin worked as a secretary with the U.S. Army in Berlin. In 1948, she immigrated to the United States and began work at Stanford University in the Hoover Library. Elena subsequently married Paul Baran and had a son, Nicholas.

She graduated from Stanford in 1960 with a master's degree and taught Russian at Gunn High School in Palo Alto when she met Jack Baskin. They were married in 1976. Mr. Baskin became a successful developer, and Mr. and Mrs. Baskin went on to share their good fortune with others.

Mr. Baskin has said that perhaps his wife's proudest accomplishment was the founding of the Live Oak Senior Center in Santa Cruz. The center opened in 1977 and serves about